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## NOTICE TO RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

This refers to the draft regulations distributed through the World Trade Organization – Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO-TBT) website ([www.epingalert.org](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 30 December 2023 to 05 January 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the eight (8) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UK/R/268/Add.1</a>	Ukraine	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs - Addendum	Ukraine notifies the adoption of the Order of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine No 1743 "On approval of the Requirements for a written declaration of the conformity of materials and articles intended to come into contact with food and a list of documents confirming the information specified in the declaration" of 02 October 2023.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KO/R/1191</a>	Republic of Korea	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 04 March 2024	Foods	The proposed amendment is to: - When changes are made to the contents of food, new regulations are required to indicate the details of changes and impose fines, etc.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KO/R/1192</a>	Republic of Korea	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 04 March 2024	Labeling standards of foods	The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety of Korea would like to revise the below statement from Foods Labeling Standards. The main points of the amendments are as follows: 1) Clarification of labeling on foods targeting infants or toddlers 2) Relaxation of product name labeling standards for mixed cooking oil 3) Clarification of cases when frozen products are thawed and manufactured/processed into refrigerated products

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				<p>4) Improvement of calorie labeling standards for alcoholic beverages</p> <p>5) Clarification of color indication target for natural colorants</p> <p>6) Expansion of information provision on Sugars contents claims('no sugars' or 'no added sugars' and others like them) products</p> <p>7) Establishing tolerance range for essential fatty acid(Linoleic acid, Alpha-linolenic acid, EPA+DHA)</p> <p>8) Reflecting 'Standards and Specifications for Foods' and 'Standards and Specifications for Food Additives' revisions and editing phrases</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CO/L/168/Add.3</a>	Colombia	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated</p>	Oils, fats and all packaged or packaged foods - Addendum	The Republic of Colombia reports that there is a new draft resolution that partially modifies Article 32 of Resolution 810 of 2021 and repeals, once the deadline has expired thirty-six (36) months, provided for in Article 10, Resolution 2508 of 2012, relating to the technical regulation defining the uses and maximum levels of industrial trans fats and partially hydrogenated oils and other provisions are issued. The deadline to submit Comments to this project
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/711</a>	Canada	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 January 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 28 February 2024</p>	Nutrition labelling	Health Canada's Food Directorate is proposing three amendments to the Table of Reference Amounts for Food (TRA) based on stakeholder feedback, consumption data, market trends, and to address identified gaps for specific food categories. The TRA sets out the amount of food typically consumed in one eating occasion for different food categories and provides detailed instructions on how to determine and declare the serving size for the Nutrition Facts table (NFt). Reference amounts are used to determine what is considered to be a single-serving pre-packaged product and they serve as the basis for determining the serving size to be declared in the NFt of multiple-serving pre-packaged products. Reference amounts are

				part of the criteria for making nutrient content claims and health claims and they also factor into the requirements for the new front-of-package nutrition symbol. The proposed changes include: new serving size instructions for very high fibre cereals (C.3); new reference amount and corresponding serving size instructions for nutritional yeast (M.17); and changing the reference amount for fondue cooking broths (T.2).
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/743/Add.1</a>	Brazil	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Sausage - Addendum	The Plurinational State of Bolivia informs that the Ministry of Productive Development and Economía Plural issued the Ministerial Resolution MDPyEP/DESPACHO/N° 173.2023, by which it states in force the Technical Regulation "Approval of the Model of Drinking Water Meters", which establishes the requirements for the Model Approval of Drinking Water Meters; in order to prevent practices that may lead to error. Likewise, D.S. 5070 of 29 November 2023, which complements the validity of the aforementioned Technical Regulation.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/1482/Add.1</a>	Brazil	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Novel foods and novel ingredients - Addendum	Draft resolution 1158, 24 April 2023 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1482 - which contains provisions on proof of safety and authorization for the use of novel foods and novel ingredients, was adopted as Resolution 839, 14 December 2023
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/343/Add.1</a>	Argentina	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Materials and articles in contact with foodstuffs - Addendum	Draft Resolution No. 14/23 provides for the amendment of GMC Resolution No. 39/19- "MERCOSUR Technical Regulations on the Positive List of Additives for the Manufacture of Plastic Materials and Polymeric Coatings Intended to Contact Food", for the inclusion of two substances.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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